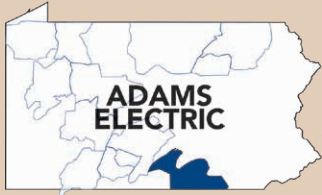




Adams Electric Cooperative, Inc.

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 



One of 14 electric cooperatives serving Pennsylvania and New Jersey

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dale E. Myers, President
David A. Frey, Vice President
Glenn E. Bange, Secretary
Thomas J. Knaub, Treasurer
William M. French
Jay A. Herman
S. Eugene Herritt
Nadine M. Hubner
F.L. "Ray" Schwartz

Steve Rasmussen
CEO/General Manager

ADAMS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

1338 Biglerville Road
P.O. Box 1055
Gettysburg, PA 17325-1055
1-800-726-2324

GETTYSBURG DISTRICT

1338 Biglerville Road
Gettysburg, PA 17325

YORK DISTRICT

200 Trinity Road
York, PA 17408

SHIPPENSBURG DISTRICT

10 Duncan Road
Shippensburg, PA 17257

DISTRICT OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday
7 a.m. - 5 p.m.*
*By appointment only

Check out adamsec.coop

Like us on Facebook at
[Facebook.com/AdamsEC](https://www.facebook.com/AdamsEC)

LOCAL PAGES EDITOR:
Kami Noel, CCC

This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Proactive Planning Eases Sting of Rising Prices



STEVE RASMUSSEN

LET'S FACE IT: We're a power-hungry generation.

And while we're talking on our smartphones, asking human-like computers for advice and puttering around the yard with electric lawn mowers and weed eaters, dark clouds are gathering over the grid.

Will we have enough energy to power our ever-growing needs? Some experts don't think so.

They point to our voracious appetites for all kinds of watts — kilowatts, megawatts, you name it — and to head-scratching energy policies that are driving traditional resources like coal and natural gas plants off the grid faster than new resources can come on-line.

While steps are being taken to address the imbalance at state and national levels, some damage has already been done, resulting in higher costs to deliver electricity. Lots of factors are at play, but for members wondering what this means for their household budgets, it's important to understand PJM Interconnection, its recent capacity auction and the anticipated impact on our rates.

PJM oversees the multi-state power grid that Adams Electric Cooperative is plugged into and coordinates the flow of electricity from generators to local utilities like ours. It also operates wholesale markets and plans for future grid needs. Each year, PJM hosts a capacity auction to ensure it has enough electricity to meet peak demand in the future.

Recently, in reaction to increased demand and tightened supply, capacity market prices haven't just increased, they've skyrocketed. For the 2025-2026 delivery year, they increased by more than 800%, and at the most recent auction in July, which set numbers for 2026-2027, they jumped another 22% over last year.

For consumers across the grid, that signals one thing: potentially higher electric bills.

Fortunately, Adams Electric receives its wholesale power from Allegheny Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Allegheny), which we own and operate along with 13 other rural electric cooperatives in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Over the decades, the Allegheny board, overseen by directors from each of these 14 cooperatives, has made forward-thinking investments in energy resources, including nuclear and hydropower plants, that today provide nearly 67% of the electricity we distribute to our members.

These assets are important because they shield us — and you — from the energy market's volatility, including the extremes we've seen and will likely continue to see on capacity pricing. Neighboring investor-owned utilities buy 100% of their energy on the open energy market, making them and their rates vulnerable to that volatility. Our exposure, however, is limited because our supplier, Allegheny, only needs to buy about 33% of our energy needs from outside sources. And with long-term power-purchase contracts in place to further manage risk, we've set the stage for additional price stability.

As a result, Allegheny offers some of the lowest, least-volatile generation rates in the PJM region — and that's not going to change when the 2026 numbers are established this fall. Further, Allegheny continues to find ways to reduce costs and maintain stability. It recently secured millions in federal grant funding to boost its supply of affordable, carbon-free energy and add to its nuclear resources. That funding will help stabilize overall energy costs for consumers.

At Adams Electric, rising costs are never taken lightly, and rate increases are only considered as a last resort. Our board of directors is made up of cooperative members just

Continued on page 16C

Adams Electric Cooperative Awards 40 Scholarships

THIS SPRING AND SUMMER, Adams Electric awarded scholarships to members and their children through the cooperative's high school, undergraduate, and adult scholarship programs.

In May, the cooperative's high school scholarship program awarded 27 scholarships of \$1,500 each to dependents of members who are graduating from public, private, cyber, charter, career, trade or homeschool programs.

Receiving high school awards from the cooperative are:



CLAYTON HACKMAN,
BERMUDIAN
SPRINGS HIGH
SCHOOL



JADYN KLINGER,
BIG SPRING
HIGH SCHOOL



ZAIDA MOORE,
BIG SPRING
HIGH SCHOOL



NOAH FULTON,
BIGLERVILLE
HIGH SCHOOL



CLAIRE ROBERTS,
BIGLERVILLE
HIGH SCHOOL



CADAN KESSEL,
BIGLERVILLE
HIGH SCHOOL
CAREER &
TRADES



CALEB COTRAN,
DOVER AREA
HIGH SCHOOL



KARINA MILLER,
FAIRFIELD AREA
HIGH SCHOOL



LANDEN MILLER,
KENNARD-DALE
HIGH SCHOOL



ASHLEY PLUNKERT,
LITTLESTOWN
HIGH SCHOOL



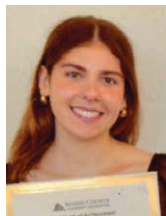
IAN WELTY,
LITTLESTOWN
HIGH SCHOOL



JULIE KINT,
LITTLESTOWN
HIGH SCHOOL
CAREER &
TRADES



KENDALL BECK,
NORTHERN
HIGH SCHOOL



MORGAN KEEFER,
NORTHERN
HIGH SCHOOL



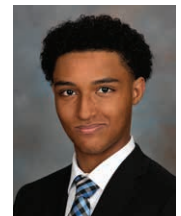
ISAAC WOLFINGER,
SHIPPENSBURG
AREA HIGH
SCHOOL



TALIA KLUNK,
SPRING GROVE
AREA HIGH
SCHOOL



CHLOE ALBRECHT,
SOUTH
WESTERN HIGH
SCHOOL



CHARLES CONNORS,
SOUTH
WESTERN HIGH
SCHOOL



NICTORIOUS KHOURY,
SUSQUEHANNOCK
HIGH SCHOOL

Not shown:

Olivia Gray, Bermudian Springs High School
Katelyn Lay, Big Spring High School
Thomas Johnson, Big Spring School District (homeschooled)
Beyla Kline, Fairfield Area High School

Zoey Haines, Gettysburg Area High School
Kayla Lew, Gettysburg Area High School
Veronica Paul, Gettysburg Area High School
Ava Bentzel, Littlestown High School

The cooperative awarded 13 scholarships this summer to undergraduate college students and adult members with their name on the electric bill. These awards ranged from \$1,500 to \$5,000.

This brings the total donation for all continuing education scholarships to \$650,000 since 2008.

The co-op's scholarship programs are funded through unclaimed Ownership Rewards and do not affect rates.

Receiving undergraduate college scholarships are:



**THERESA
FEESE**
\$5,000



**JORDAN
KLINGER**
\$2,500



**MAKAYLA
SHUTT**
\$2,500



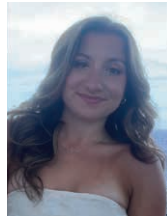
**SAMANTHA
GRIM**
\$1,500



**ADAM
HOBBS**
\$1,500



**AVA
LAY**
\$1,500



**HANNAH
MCCAUSLIN**
\$1,500



**MADELINE
MUSSER**
\$1,500

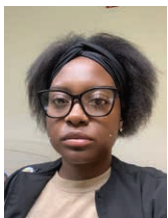


**ALYSSA
WILES**
\$1,500



**TOM
WILLIAMS JR.**
\$1,500

Receiving adult member scholarships are:



**NIKIA
LACKS**
\$2,500



**KAITLYN
MCDANNELL**
\$2,500



**DIANA
WIERZBICKI**
\$1,500

FROM THE CEO/GENERAL MANAGER

Continued from page 16A

like you, so they understand the impact that rate changes have on local families and the rural communities they serve. That's why we will continue to work with partners, like Allegheny, to keep the safe delivery of electricity as affordable as possible.

As we enter our budget planning season and begin setting rates for next year, rest assured we will keep the energy market and our members in mind. We will also keep you informed of what rate adjustments we may need in the new year. Our staff will go to the board in October with a presentation of what we think we can expect in 2026. The board will then act in November, and we'll be able to start sharing those expectations with you, right here, in the coming months. 🗣️

STEVE RASMUSSEN
CEO/GENERAL MANAGER

ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

Take advantage of "shoulder months," which refer to the transitional periods between peak heating and cooling seasons. During the fall, these milder weeks typically occur between September and November. Shoulder months offer a great opportunity to reduce home energy consumption as the need for extensive heating or cooling is reduced. Look for simple ways to boost indoor comfort without running your heating and cooling system. Use ceiling fans and open windows on breezy days to ventilate your home. On cooler days, add a layer of clothing and avoid running the heat.



Youth Gain Cooperative Exposure, Experience

KENDALL WOODS OF NEW FREEDOM has been selected to join the National Rural Electric Cooperative Youth Leadership Council. As a delegate, sponsored by Adams



KENDALL WOODS

Electric Cooperative and the Pennsylvania Rural Electric Association, Woods will participate in virtual and in-person experiences focused on leadership, advocacy, teamwork, public speaking and the electric cooperative difference.

Selected by other delegates from across Pennsylvania who participated in the National Rural Electric Youth Tour in Washington, D.C., in June, Woods attended a weeklong leadership training course, known as Basecamp, in July. This in-person event focused on leadership, collaboration and advocacy. Delegates also met with cooperative leadership, connected with peers and gained skills for the year ahead.

Kendall, daughter of Jeffrey and Cherie Woods, is a senior at Susquehannock High School, part of the

Southern York County School District. She is involved in National Honor Society, student council, track and field, and theater, among other interests.

In addition to Woods, the cooperative sponsored six other students on Youth Tour: Collin Kuhn of Hanover; Cooper May of Red Lion; Kali Hilfiger of Spring Grove; Lily Chubb of East Berlin; Noah Rodgers of New Freedom; and Sydney McCleaf of Aspers.

These students, with Woods, spent a week touring D.C., visiting monuments and museums, the National Zoo, and congressional offices. They also participated in a Co-op 101 class and a Co-op Connections all-states dinner.

The tour included more than 1,600 high school students, mostly juniors, from 44 states, all sponsored by rural electric cooperatives from across the country. 📍

A DAY AT THE ZOO: After touring the International Spy Museum, the cooperative's Youth Tour delegates visited the National Zoo, including the new panda exhibit. Shown, from left, are: Noah Rodgers, Kendall Woods, Sydney McCleaf, Kali Hilfiger, Collin Kuhn, Lily Chubb and Cooper May.



VISITING THE WHITE HOUSE: Tour organizers surprised delegates with a walk to the White House for some photos. There, students danced with a famous Tik Tok street performer. In front, from left, are: Cooper May, Kali Hilfiger and Sydney McCleaf. Rear, from left, are: Lily Chubb, Collin Kuhn, Kendall Woods, Noah Rodgers and Cortney Knotts, chaperone and Adams Electric Cooperative billing specialist.



ADAMS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.



**85 YEARS
STRONG:**
BUILDING ON A LEGACY TO
**POWER
THE FUTURE**



Serving 35,000 members in Adams,
Cumberland, Franklin, Perry and York counties.



1962



2024



**Adams Electric
Cooperative, Inc.**

® A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 